



# STARMAN

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STARS MY  
DESTINATION  
★ CONCLUSION ★

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FROM THE SHADE'S JOURNAL...

Things could be better for Jack Knight...

...there had been an attempt to overthrow Jediah Rikane, despot of the Crown Imperial empire of planets.

While Will Payton and the bulk of the resistance fought Rikane's army in the streets, Jack and a small team of allies breached Rikane's castle to activate a device that would teleport in the Rannian army to aid the overthrow.

Jack was a moment from achieving this...

...when...

...Medphyl, an ex-Green Lantern, revealed himself a traitor.

THIS MUST BE TUESDAY.

I'M NEVER LUCKY ON TUESDAYS.


...while at the same time...

# Worlds Collide

STARS MY DESTINATION ★ FINALE

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...Will Payton, wearing the appearance of Prince Gavyn, dead, beloved one-time ruler of the empire, led the battle outside.

This buoyed the resistance. It brought the people of Throne World (the Crown Imperial's capital planet) out onto the streets.

Still, the battle favored Rikane's heavily armed guards.

Rikane himself fought Payton/Gavyn. More versed was he in using Gavyn's cosmic staff, a source of great power. Using it he drained Payton / Gavyn of his stellar energy.

Indeed, his very life.

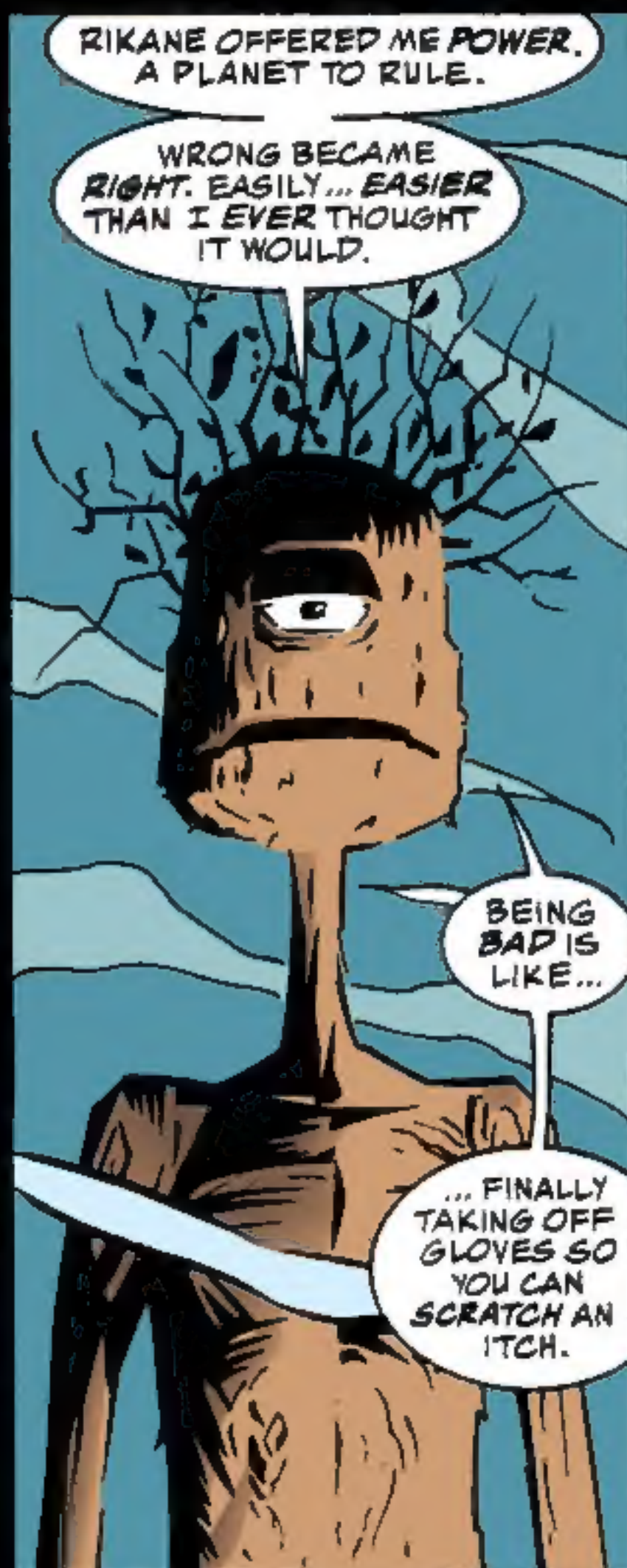
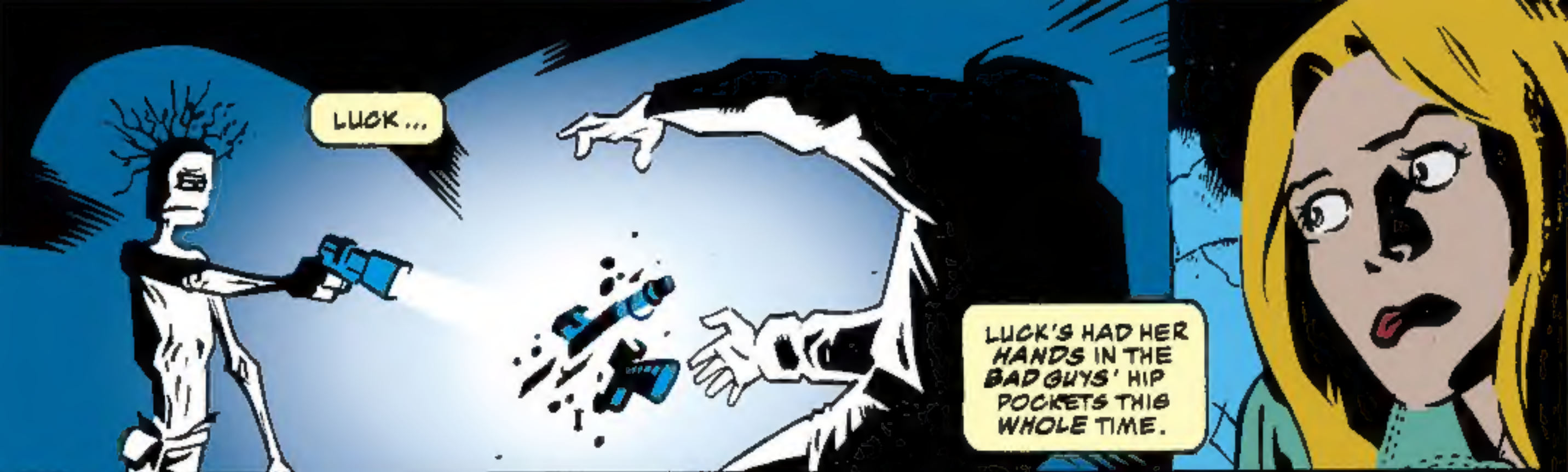
Now read on...

MAN, I WONDER HOW PAYTON'S LUCK IS HOLDING?

BETTER THAN MINE, I HOPE.

IF NOT, THEN THE REVOLUTION'S GONE THE WAY OF THE EIGHT-TRACK.













GOOD THING  
I'M FAST.

GOOD THING  
I'M AGILE.

GOOD THING—  
OWCHIE, THAT  
ONE WAS CLOSE.



I'M SCREWED. I'M  
WALKING DEAD.

ONE CHANCE.  
ONE CHANCE.

MERRIA!



YES?

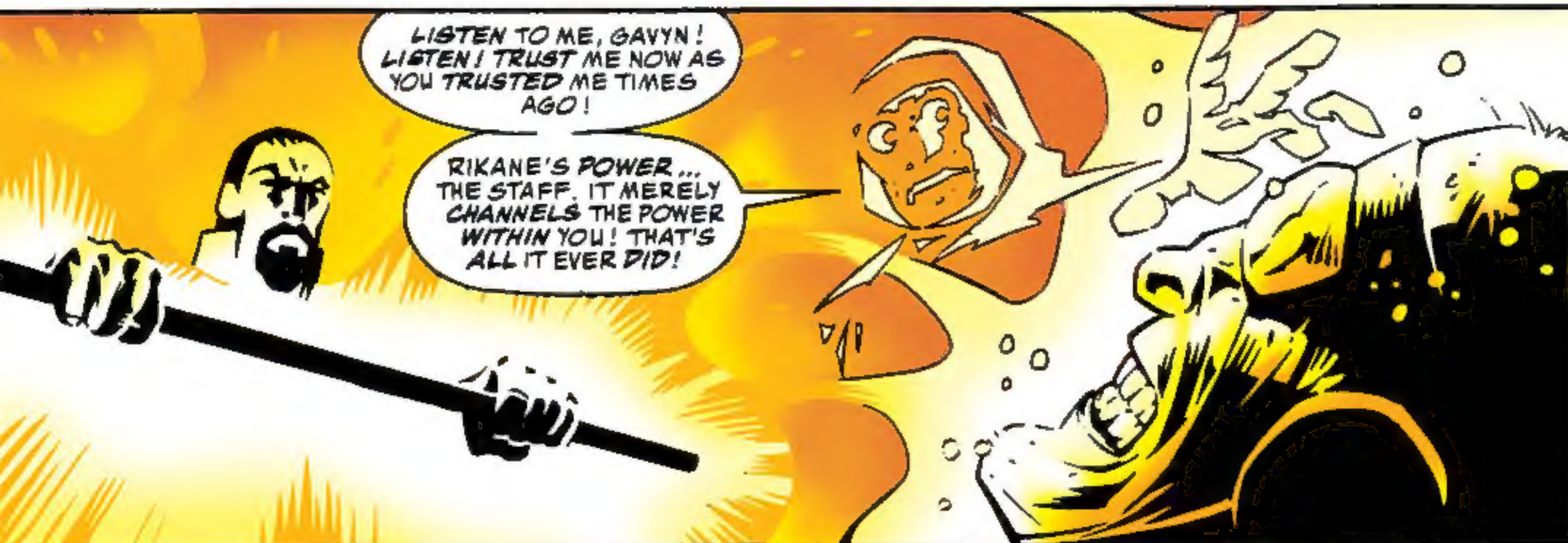
MY COSMIC  
ROD! WHERE--

IN JEDIAH'S  
PRIVATE  
CHAMBERS.  
TWO LEVELS  
UP! I'LL GO--



NO TIME!

ONLY TIME  
TO THINK.



LISTEN TO ME, GAVYN!  
LISTEN! TRUST ME NOW AS  
YOU TRUSTED ME TIMES  
AGO!

RIKANE'S POWER...  
THE STAFF. IT MERELY  
CHANNELS THE POWER  
WITHIN YOU! THAT'S  
ALL IT EVER DID!



THE POWER IS WITHIN  
YOU!

IT'S YOURS! RIKANE  
MERELY STEALS OF IT  
BETTER THAN YOU KNOW  
HOW TO KEEP IT YOURS!

BUT THAT  
POWER IS YOURS,  
GAVYN!



THAT  
POWER IS  
YOURS!



PHANTOM  
AWAY!

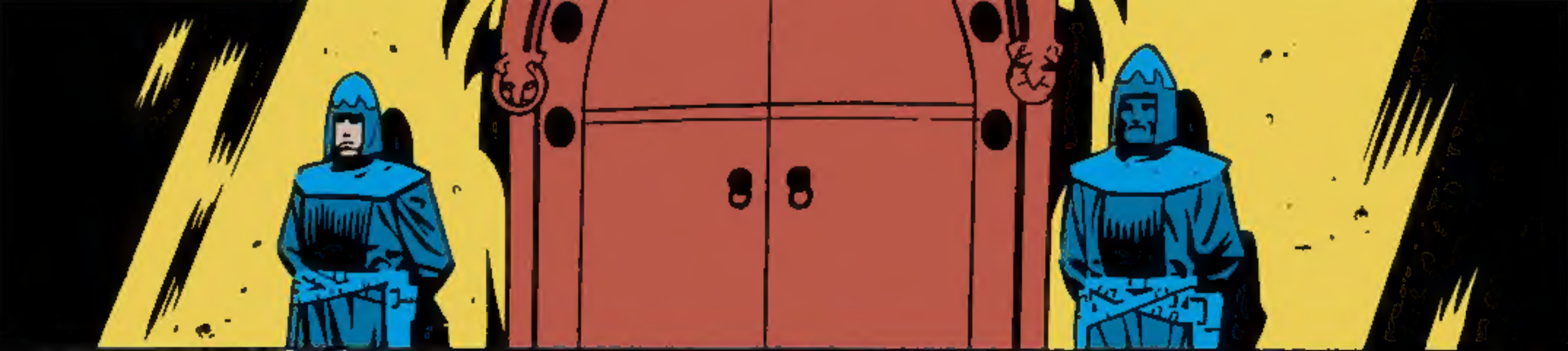


YOU'RE HERE  
SOMEWHERE.

COME ON, BABY,  
COME TO PADDY.

COME ON COME ON!









ANY LAST WORDS, TYRANT? IT WILL BE YOUR EPITAPH.



ANY LAST WORDS, JACK? NOT THAT I CARE.

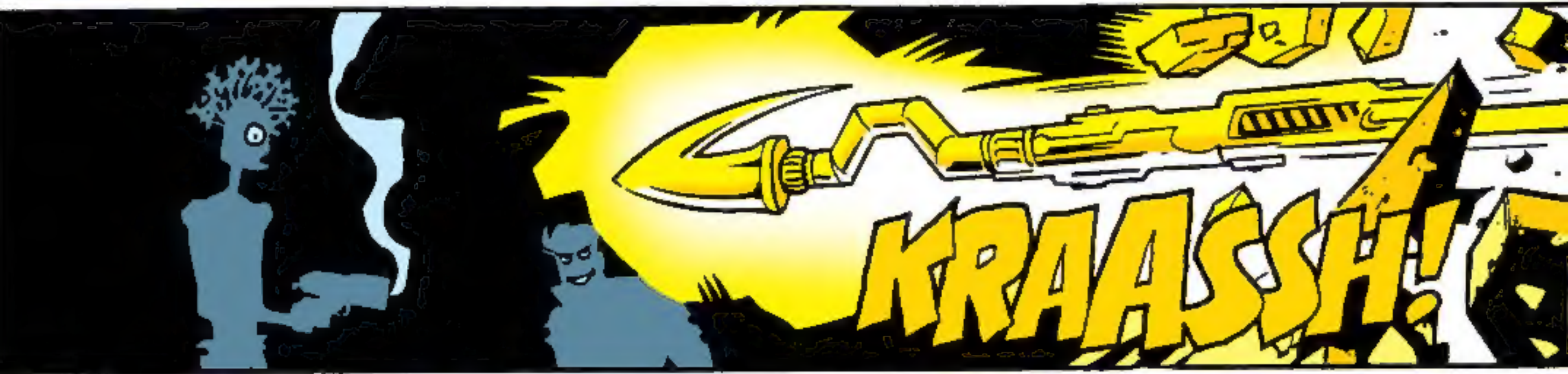


LAST--YES-- I HAVE FINAL WORDS--

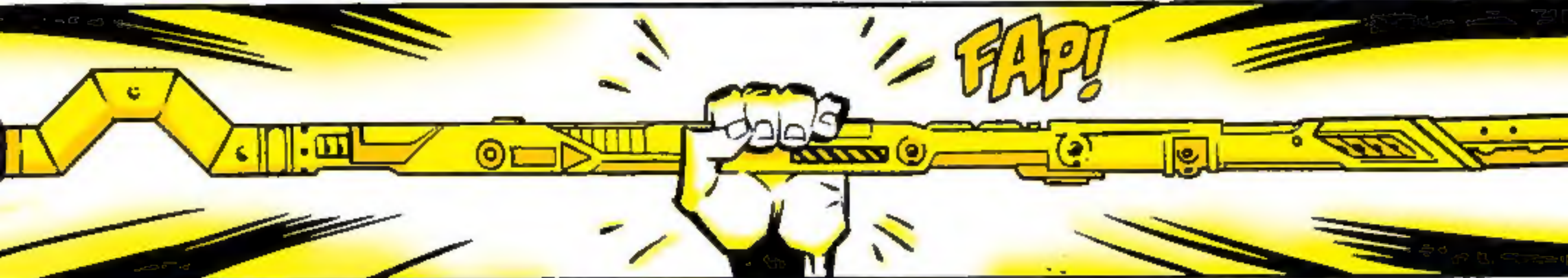
--ONLY WORDS I CAN THINK--TO SAY--



NOTHING TO SAY, eh? THEN--



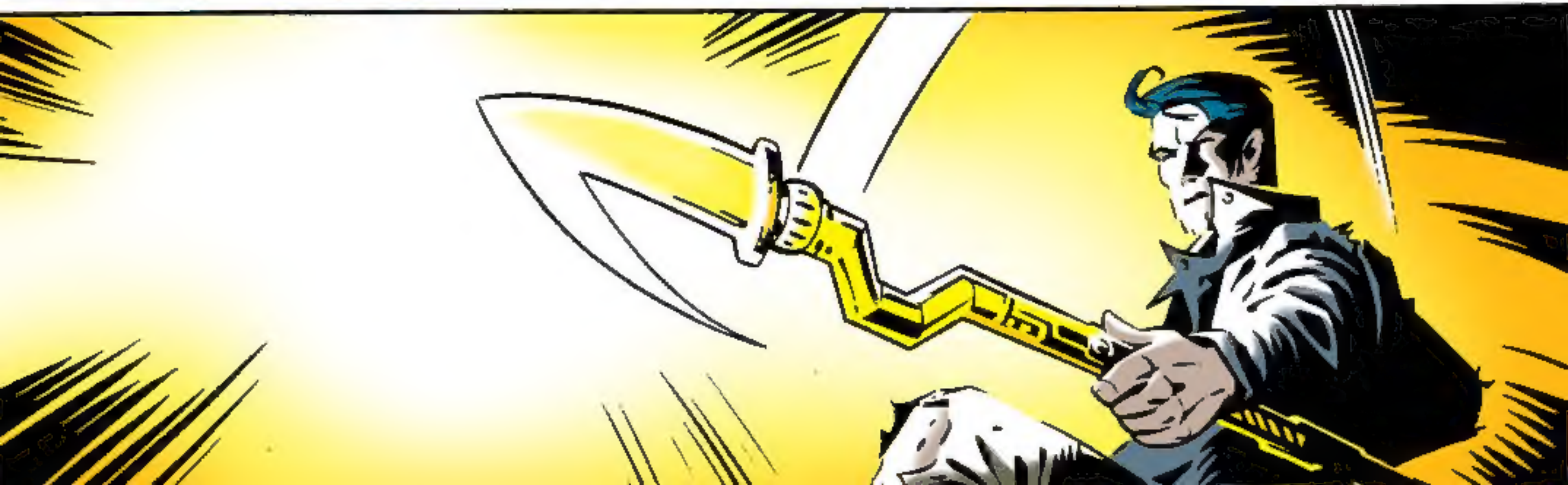
KRAASSH!



FAP!



...LONG LIVE PRINCE GAVYN.





I LEARNED  
LATER--

LEARNED THAT PAYTON HAD  
GONE THE *DISTANCE* WITH  
RIKANE.

LEARNED PAYTON  
KILLED HIM.

I QUESTIONED THAT.  
I MEAN... PAYTON...  
WHAT I *KNEW* OF HIM  
...HE WASN'T A  
KILLER. NO WAY.

WILL COULDN'T  
EXPLAIN. NOT FULLY.  
HE SAID THAT AT  
THAT MOMENT, HE  
FOUGHT WITH A MIND  
NOT ENTIRELY HIS.

I THINK I KNOW  
WHAT THAT MEANT.

IN LIGHT OF WHAT  
FOLLOWED, AND ALL.

WITH AN *EMPIRE*  
AT STAKE, PRINCE  
GAVYN TOOK NO  
PRISONERS.

WHAT'S MY EXCUSE?

WAR? LIFE IN WARTIME?  
DEATH'S THE PASSENGER  
THAT SHARES YOUR RIDE?

IS THAT IT?

GOD, I REMEMBER READ-  
ING THAT BIO OF VON  
HAMMER. HOW THE ENEMY  
ACE FLEW WITH *SORROW*.

I KNOW HOW HE FELT.

MEDPHYL WAS A TRAITOR.  
TRAITORS DIE.

I FEEL LIKE CRYING.

THE AIR SMELLS OF BURNED  
ASPARAGUS. AND I FEEL  
LIKE CRYING.



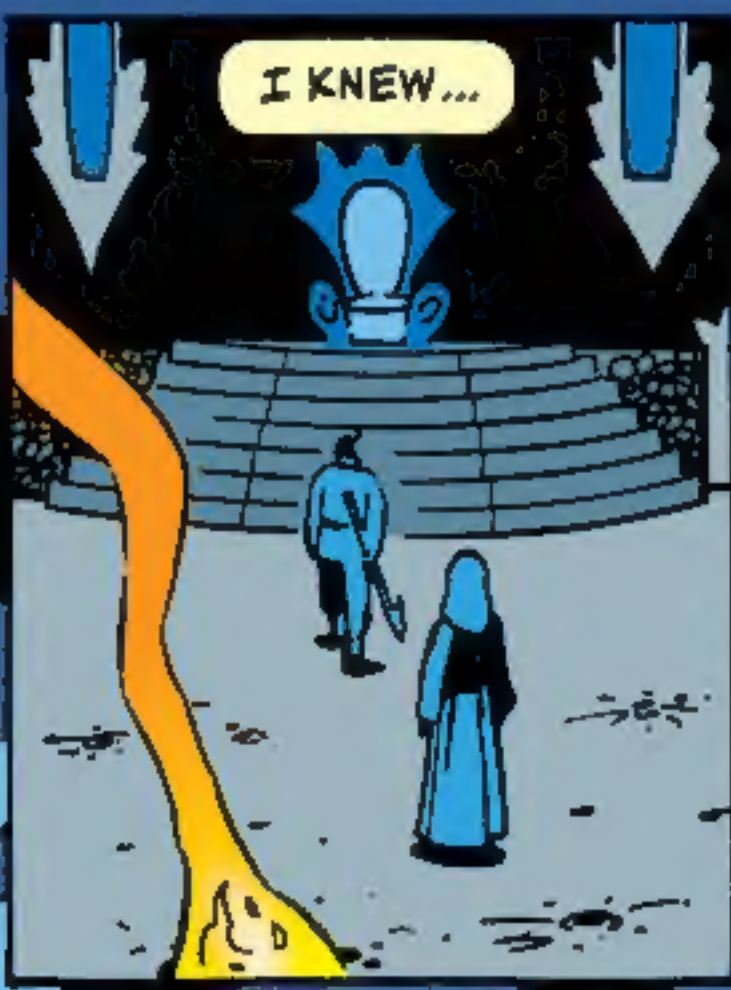


IT'S OVER, PRINCESS.

OVER?! HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT, SIR? THE BATTLE RAGES STILL OUTSIDE! AND WITH DELAKEN DEAD, RANN'S ARMY CAN NEVER REACH HERE!

NO, IT WAS OVER.

ALL OF IT. THE VENDETTAS. THE PAIN.



I KNEW...



...EVERYTHING.



ANYWAY, I WAS TIRED...



... I'D PROBABLY HAVE SAT DOWN FOR A MOMENT OR TWO ANYWAY.



AFTER THAT...



...YEAH, WELL AFTER THAT...



...IT WAS PRETTY MUCH  
OVER AND DONE.

A STORM HAD RAGED. A  
WAR IN THE GUTTERS AND  
TOWN SQUARES.

THE RANNIANS APPEARED LIKE  
THUNDER. BUT WITH THAT THUNDER  
THE STORM WOULD NOW SOON PASS.







SARDATH TRANSPORTED HIMSELF HERE WHEN THE BATTLE HAD ENDED.

THE SAME COLD SMILE.  
THE SAME COLD WAYS.

SO WHAT DID  
YOU DO TO ME, THAT  
I COULD ACTIVATE  
THE THRONE?

WHEN YOU ALMOST  
DIED ON RANN... WITH MY  
ALREADY KNOWING YOU  
WERE ULTIMATELY  
DESTINED TO COME TO  
THRONE WORLD, I  
PLANTED THE SAME  
NANOTECHS WITHIN YOU  
THAT WERE WITHIN  
DELAKEN.

THERE WAS ALSO A  
NEURAL TRANSMITTER  
WITHIN YOUR ENCODING,  
PROGRAMMED TO UP-  
BOOT IF IT DETERMINED  
DELAKEN WAS NO  
LONGER OPERABLE--



DEAD.

I SUPPOSE  
THAT'S THE MORE  
READILY ACCEPTABLE  
TERM.

THE NEURAL  
TRANSMITTERS TOLD  
YOU WHAT YOU HAD TO  
DO, IN THE EVENT YOU  
NEEDED TO.



I'D HATE TO PLAY  
CHESS WITH YOU.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT  
CHESS IS.

SO  
WHAT NOW?

WE BEGIN *NEGOTIATING* WITH MERRIA. IT *ISN'T* OUR AIM TO  
*RULE* THE CROWN IMPERIAL. WE MERELY WISH ITS DIVERSE  
WORLDS A PART OF OUR LEAGUE OF PLANETS.

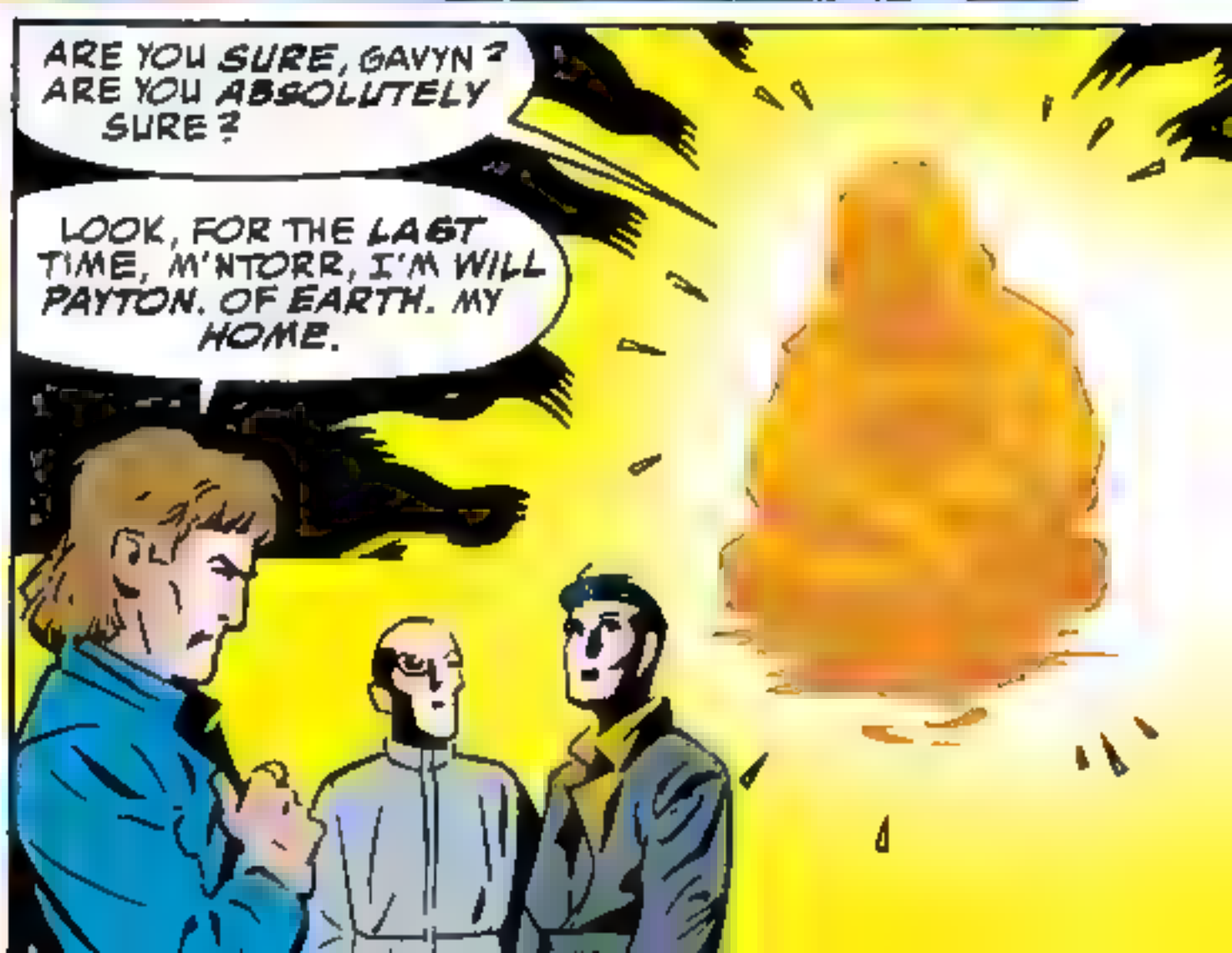
RIKANE WAS AN OPPONENT OF ITS FORMATION.  
HE FEARED IT MIGHT UNDERMINE HIS EMPIRE. HE  
SOUGHT THE LEAGUE'S DISSOLUTION, SOMETHING  
I COULDN'T ALLOW. I BELIEVE THE EMPIRE'S  
QUEEN IS MORE AMENABLE TO AN ALLIANCE.

BUT IN CASE YOU  
HAVEN'T HEARD...



...YOU MAY HAVE  
A NEW KING TO  
DEAL WITH, TOO.

NOT ME,  
JACK. I'M  
GONE. EARTH  
OR BUST.



ARE YOU SURE, GAVYN?  
ARE YOU ABSOLUTELY  
SURE?

LOOK, FOR THE LAST  
TIME, M'NTORR, I'M WILL  
PAYTON. OF EARTH. MY  
HOME.



AFTER ALL I'VE SHOWN YOU... AFTER ALL I'VE SAID, YOU STILL BELIEVE THIS?

I BELIEVE IT'S POSSIBLE WHEN YOU TOUCHED MY HEAD, YOU IMPLANTED THOUGHTS AND MEMORIES IN ME. THAT'S HOW I THOUGHT I WAS GAVYN FOR A MOMENT AT THE START.

THAT'S WHY I FELT COMPELLED TO FREE THE EMPIRE. WHY I'VE KILLED. WHY I'VE DONE A LOT OF THINGS.

I DON'T REMEMBER ANYTHING OF MY LIFE AS GAVYN.

I REMEMBER EVERYTHING ABOUT WILL PAYTON. I REMEMBER MY FIRST TOOTH, MY FIRST CAR. I REMEMBER SCHOOL AND WORK. I REMEMBER CHRISTMASSES GONE BY.

I REMEMBER BEING PART OF THE KISS ARMY.

AND THOSE MEMORIES... DEAD PAYTON'S MEMORIES WILL STAY. BUT YOU'LL ALSO REMEMBER YOUR LIFE AS GAVYN. LITTLE BY LITTLE, YOU'LL BECOME A MAN WITH TWO PASTS.

WHAT DID YOU FEEL WHEN YOU SAW MERRIA, BUDDY? ANYTHING?

I DELIBERATELY HAVEN'T SEEN HER. IF I DON'T RECALL HER, I DON'T SEE WHAT GOOD IT'LL DO. AND IF SHE LOVED GAVYN AS MUCH AS YOU SAY SHE DID, IT'LL BRING HER PAIN.

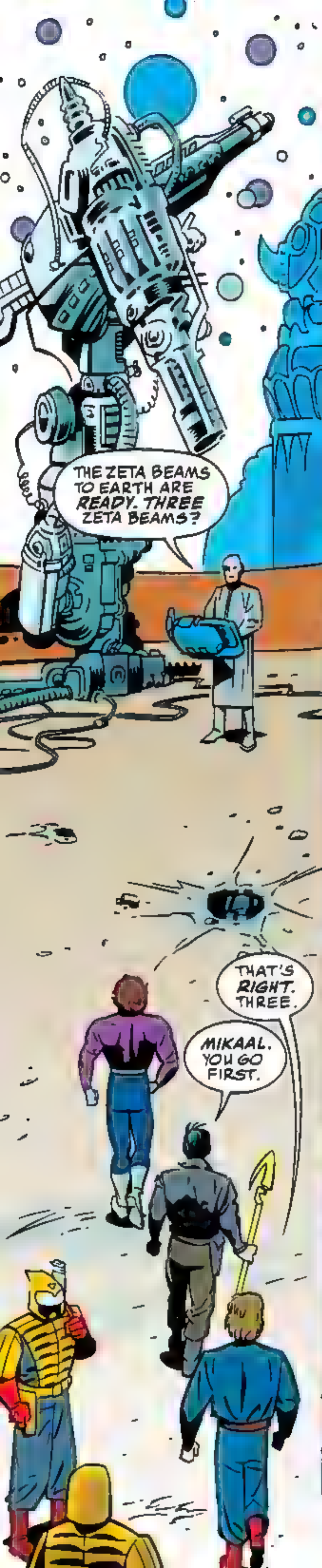
THE EMPIRE IS YOURS, GAVYN.

WILL PAYTON.

THAT EMPIRE NEEDS YOU.

I'M NO RULER. I'M JUST A GUY. HOW DO YOU GOVERN A HUNDRED PLANETS? WHAT KIND OF MAN... WHAT KIND OF STRENGTH IS NEEDED FOR A JOB LIKE THAT? MORE STRENGTH THAN I HAVE.





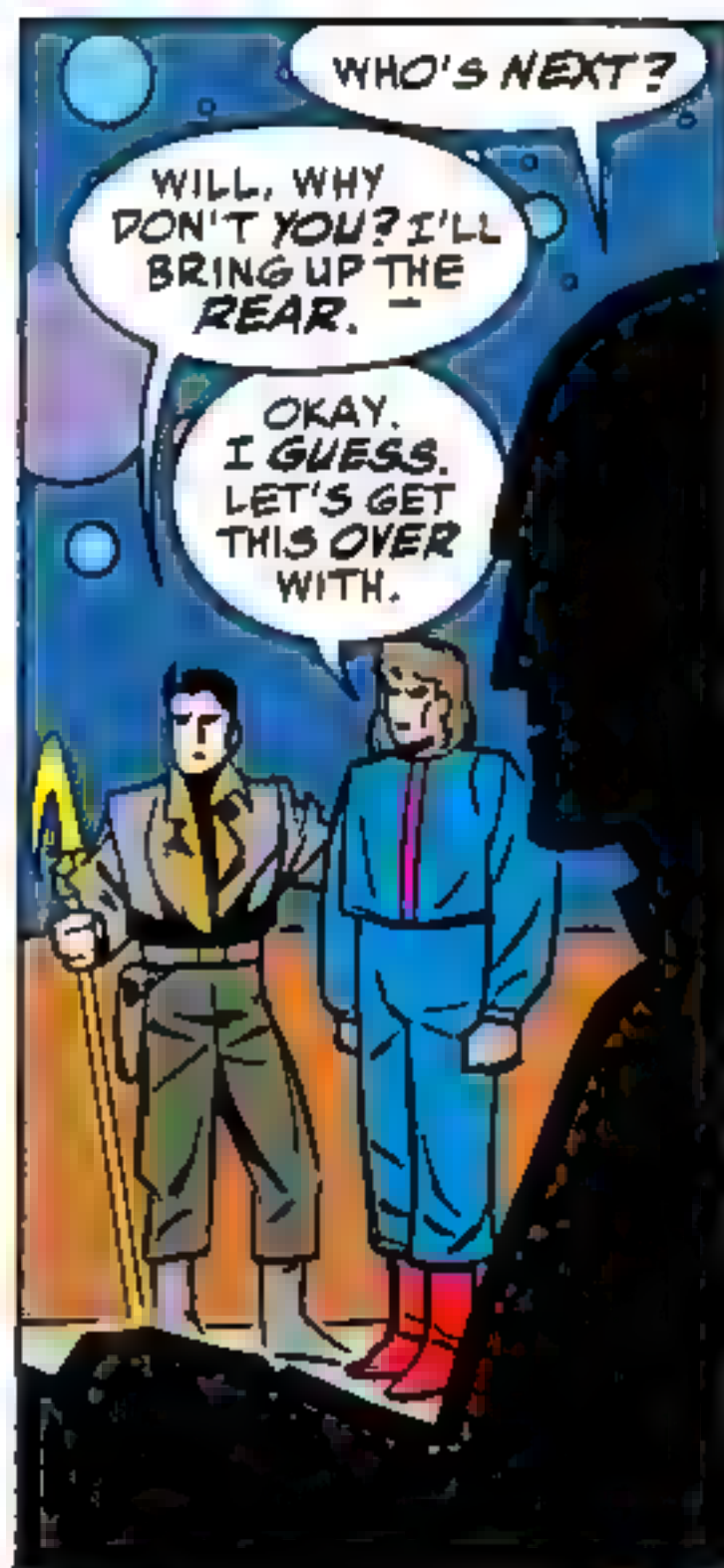
THE ZETA BEAMS  
TO EARTH ARE  
READY. THREE  
ZETA BEAMS?



I'M  
GONE, JACK.  
I'M GONE.  
SEE YOU IN  
OPAL.



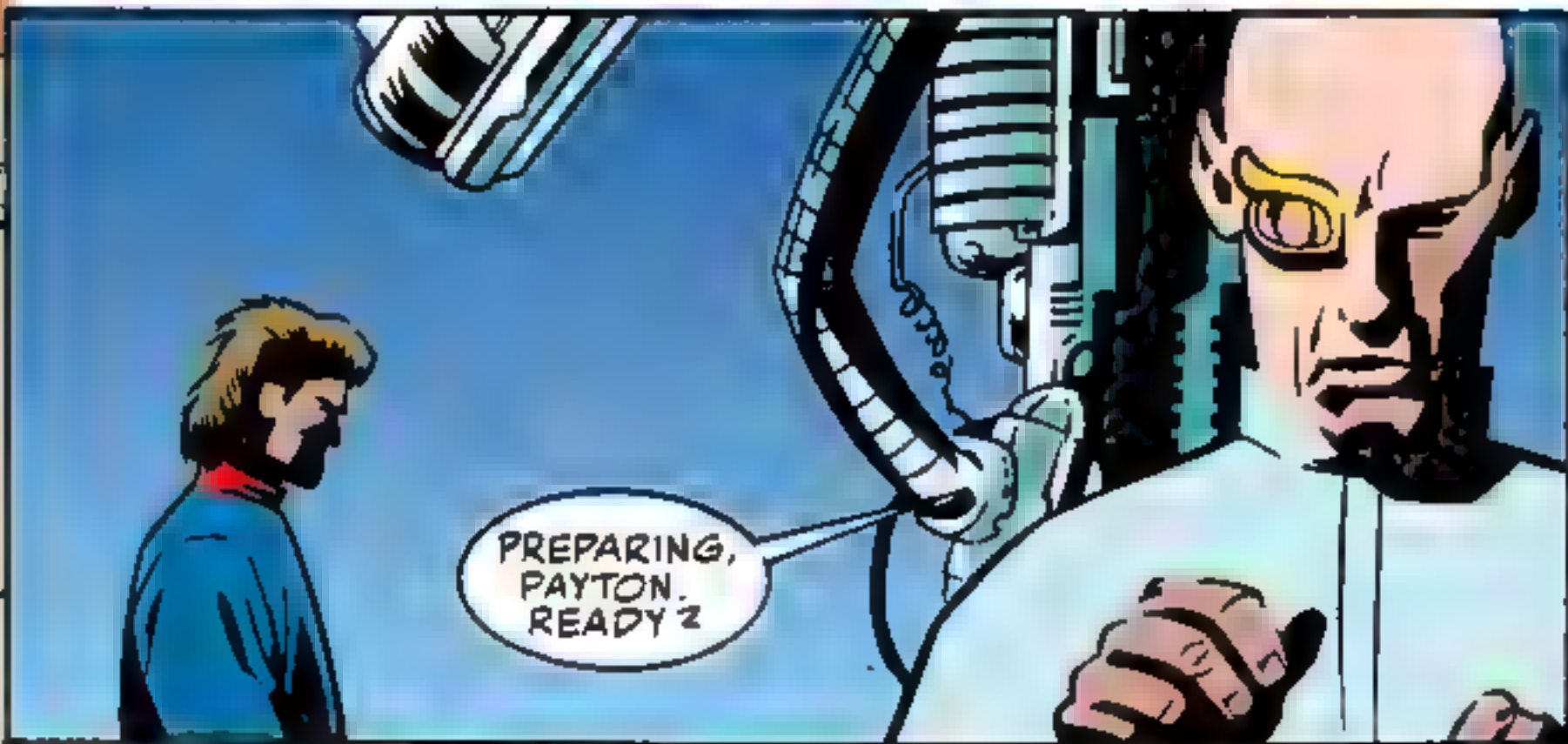
YEAH,  
SEE  
YOU...



WHO'S NEXT?

WILL, WHY  
DON'T YOU? I'LL  
BRING UP THE  
REAR. -

OKAY.  
I GUESS.  
LET'S GET  
THIS OVER  
WITH.



PREPARING,  
PAYTON.  
READY?



PAYTON?

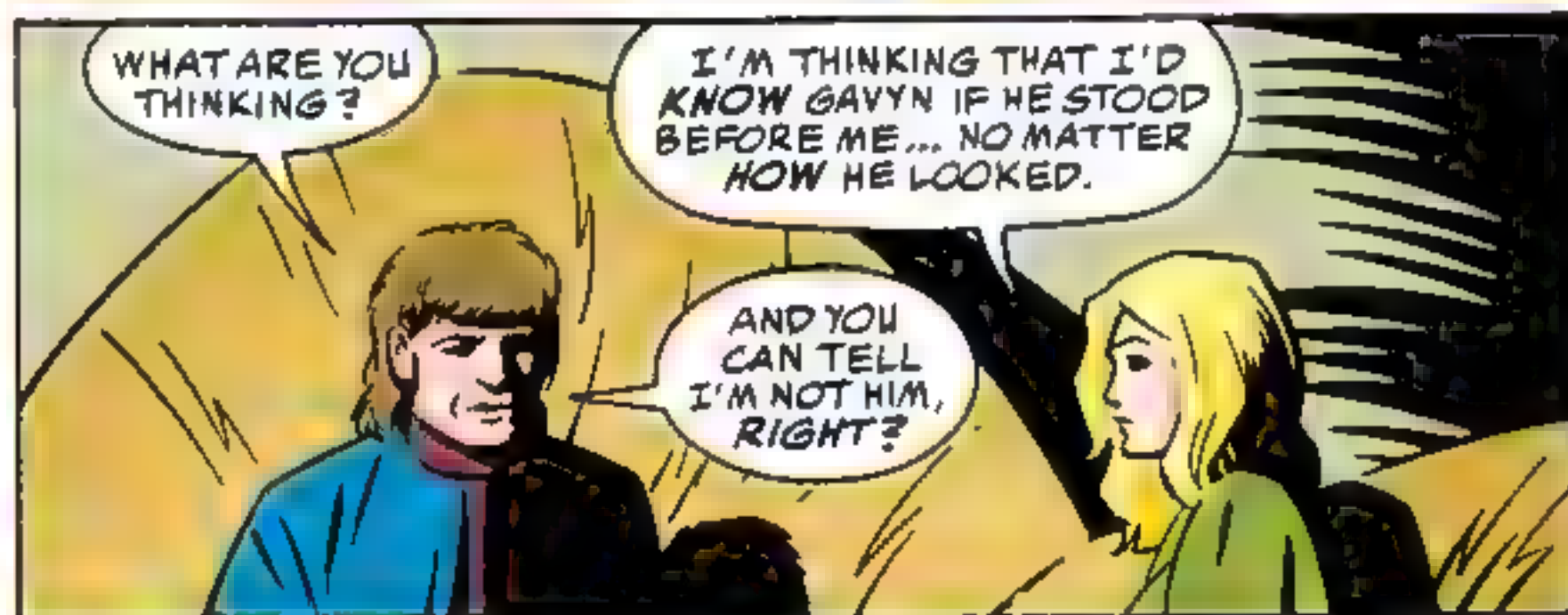
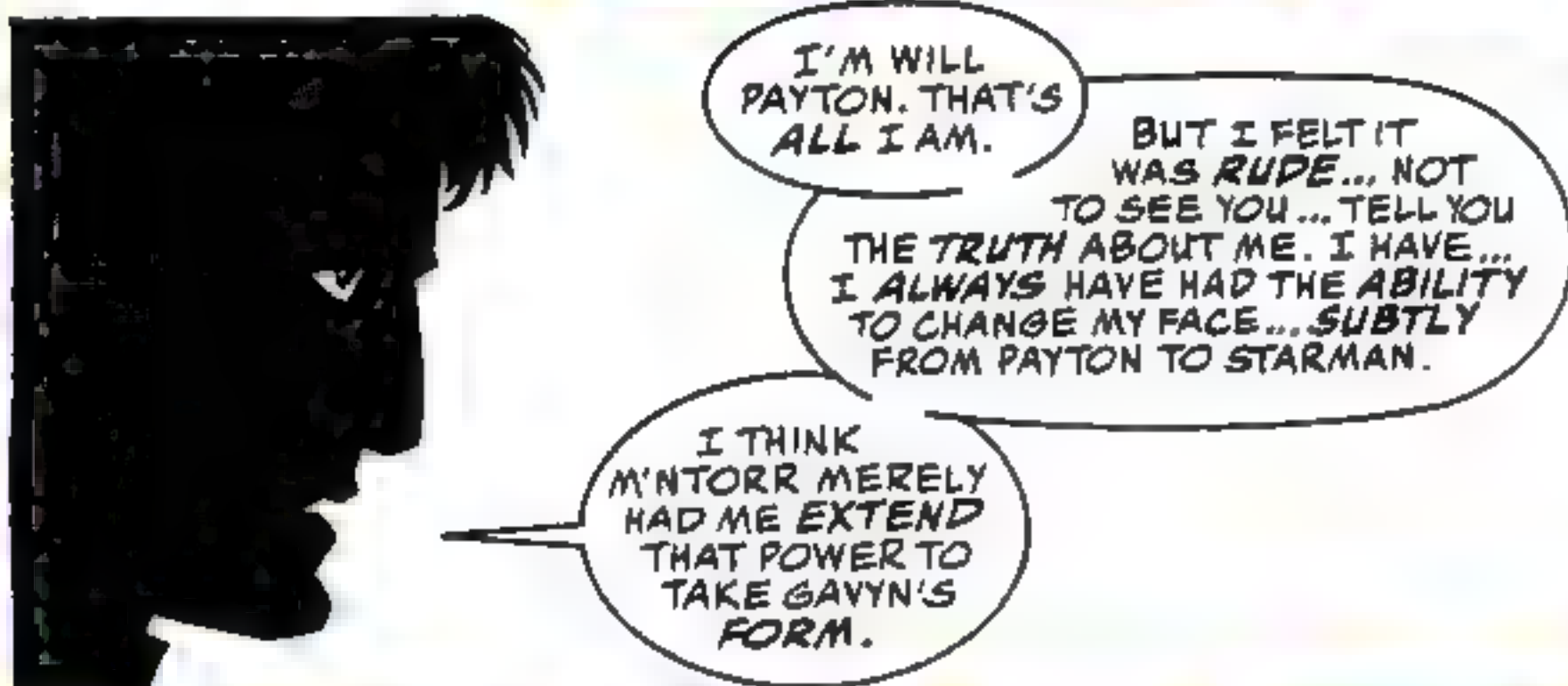
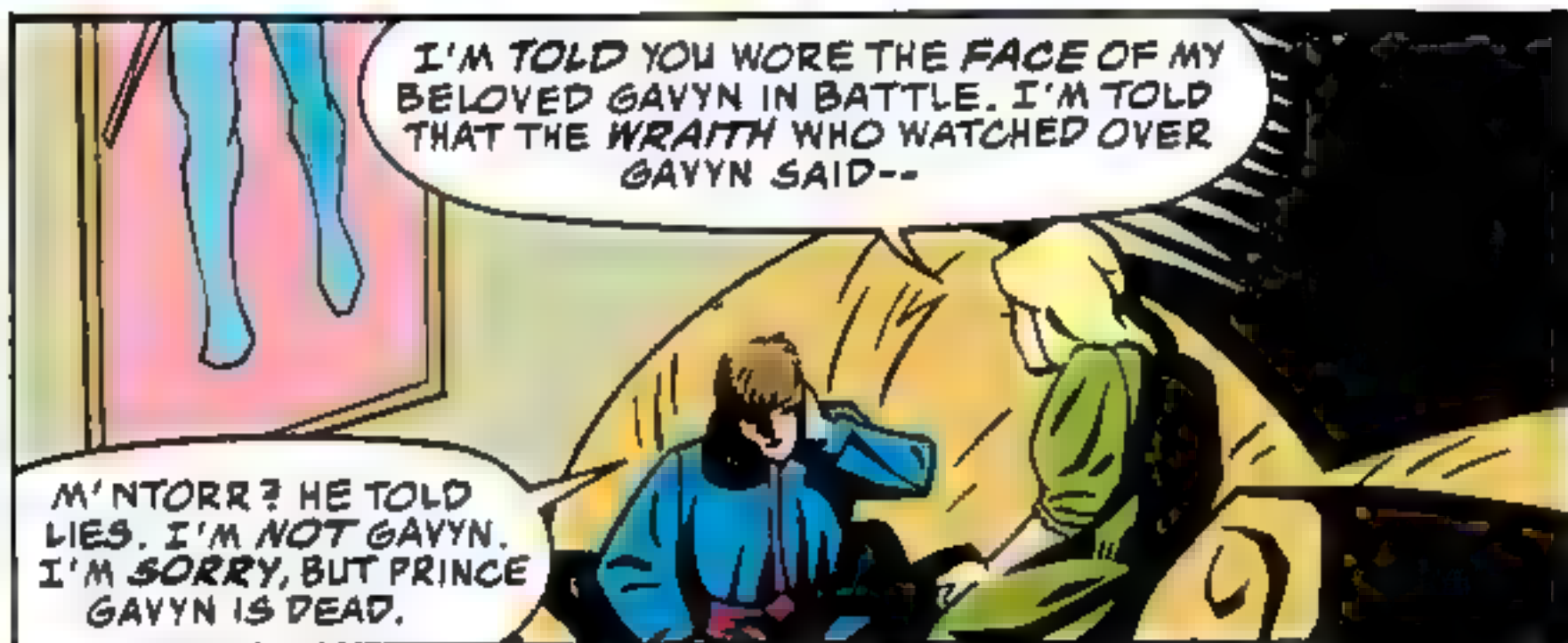
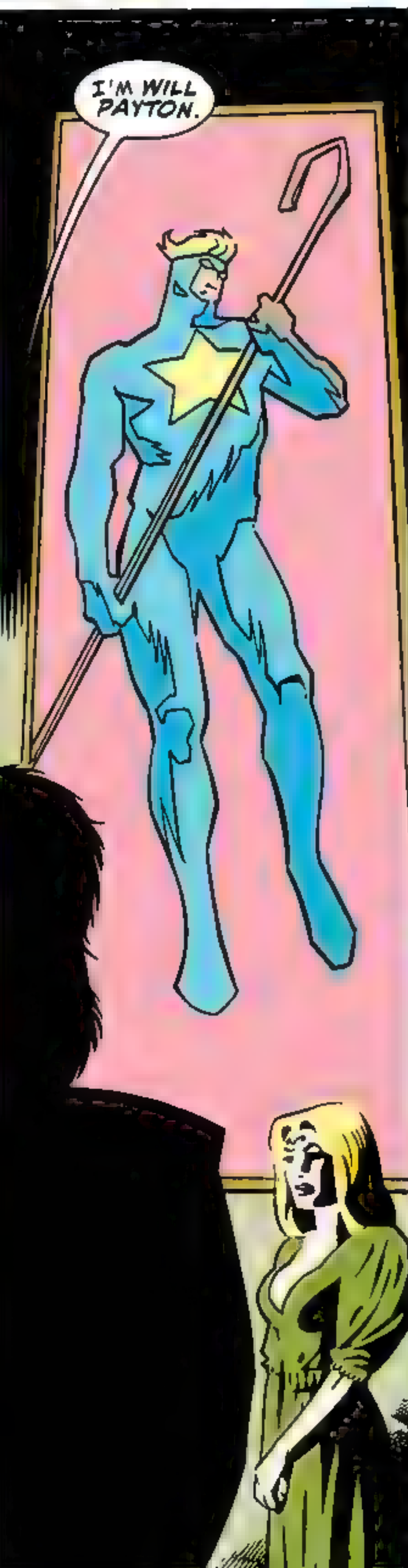


ERR...  
WAIT. GIVE  
ME A MOMENT  
MORE.

MIKAAL.  
YOU GO  
FIRST.

THAT'S  
RIGHT.  
THREE.













THOSE... THOSE  
WERE WORDS GAVYN  
SAID TO ME! RIGHT  
BEFORE--

RIGHT  
BEFORE I DIED  
--HE-- GAVYN  
DIED!

IS IT COMING  
BACK? MY LOVE  
FOR YOU?

A LITTLE.  
A LITTLE, BUT--  
LOOK, THIS COULD  
BE M'NTORR'S  
DOING. HE COULD  
HAVE GIVEN ME  
GAVYN'S  
MEMORIES.



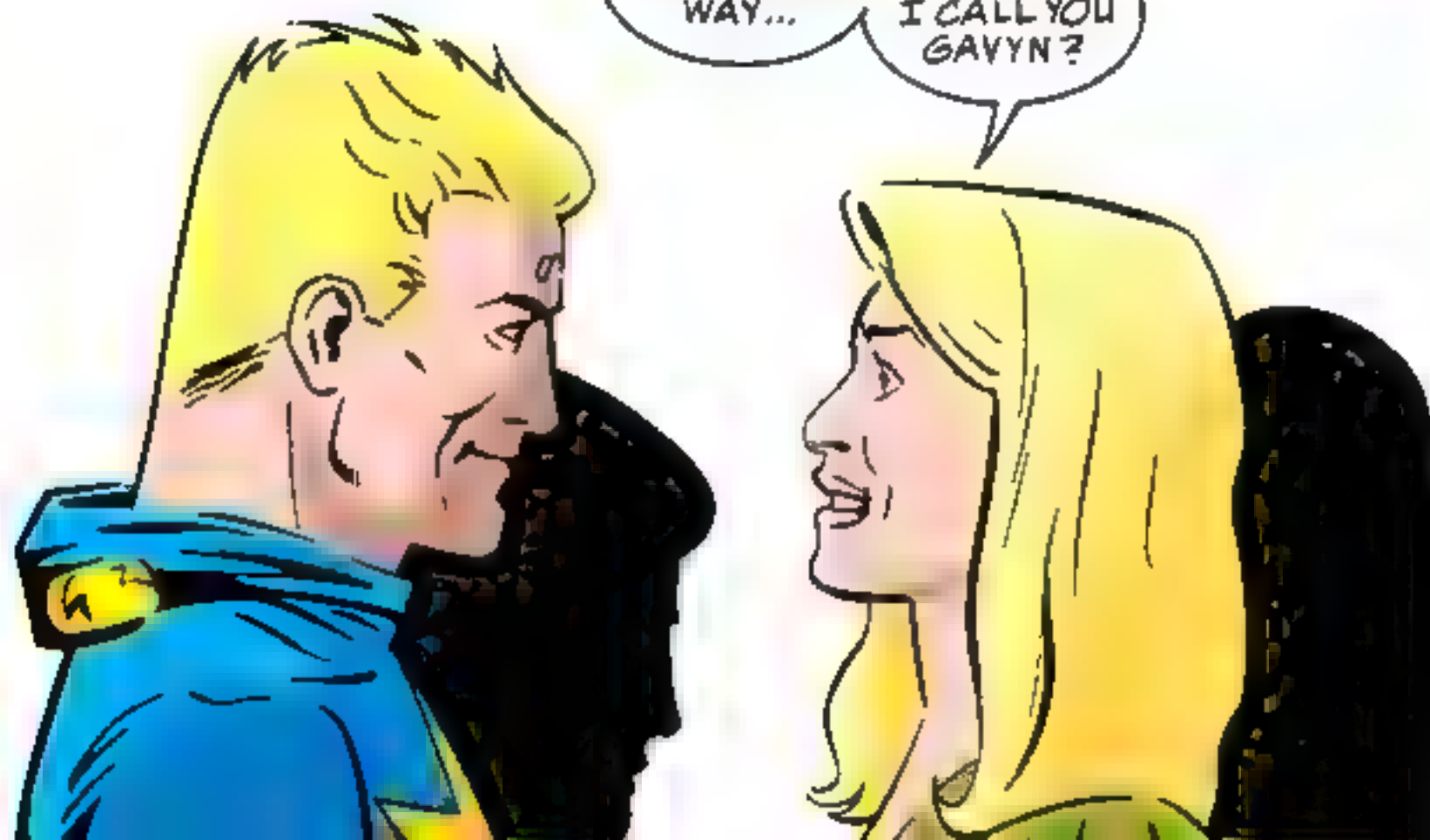
BUT I THINK  
I OWE IT TO  
BOTH OF US...



...TO STAY HERE  
A WHILE AND  
MAKE SURE.

IF YOU  
LOOK THIS  
WAY...

...MAY  
I CALL YOU  
GAVYN?



SURE.  
MAYBE ONE  
DAY SO WILL  
I.







SO YOU'RE STAYING?

FOR NOW.

BY THE EMPIRE KEEP-  
ING A PACT WITH RANN  
I CAN ZETA-BEAM TO  
EARTH IF I EVER  
DECIDE TO.

THINK  
YOU WILL?

I SHOULD  
SAY THAT I'M  
NOT SURE.  
BUT YOU KNOW  
WHAT?...  
SUDDENLY I  
FEEL I'M  
HOME.

A WISE  
CHOICE.

GOD, YOU SCARED  
THE BEJEEZUS  
OUT OF ME!

LOOK,  
M'NTORR, I'VE  
GOT TO SAY, I  
DON'T APPRECI-  
ATE YOU CREEP-  
ING UP ON ME LIKE  
THIS. IF YOU'RE  
GOING TO HANG,  
TAKE YOUR SHOES  
OFF AND STAY  
AWHILE.

THIS  
WILL BE THE LAST  
TIME YOU SEE ME  
AT ALL. MY JOB  
IS DONE.

WHO ARE YOU,  
ANYWAY?

THERE HAS  
ALWAYS BEEN A  
GUARDIAN OF THE  
STARS' MIGHT.  
ALWAYS. THERE  
ALWAYS WILL. IT  
WAS MY ROLE  
ONCE. NOW IT  
IS YOURS.

THAT'S  
YOUR IDEA  
OF AN  
EXPLANATION,  
HUH?

SAY, ONE THING... YOU MENTIONED A  
MYTH THAT SAYS I'M DESTINED TO DIE  
FOUR TIMES. THEN YOU SAID THAT MY  
BEING KILLED FIGHTING ECLIPSO  
WAS MY FOURTH DEATH.

BUT DON'T I HAVE  
TO DIE ONE MORE TIME?  
I MEAN EVENTUALLY?

DO YOU?  
THAT'S FOR YOU  
TO FIND OUT FOR  
YOURSELF.

SO ARE YOU  
IMMORTAL?

NO, I'M  
THE ONE WHO'S  
TRULY DEAD...  
GAVYN SAW  
ME DIE.

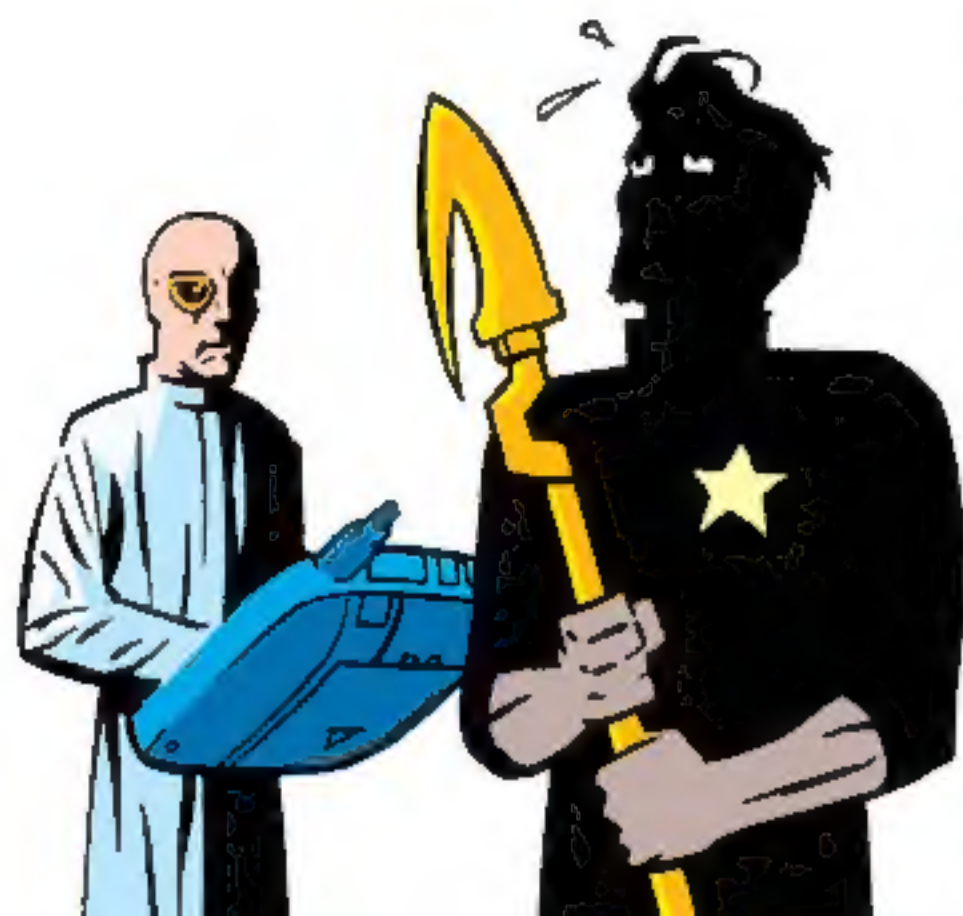
I DID?

INDEED. AND NOW  
WITH YOU FINALLY BACK  
AMONG YOUR PEOPLE, I'M  
MORE THAN DEAD...



...I'M  
GONE.







NOW IT'S  
OVER, OVER.

ALL THE THINGS...  
PEOPLE WE MET,  
ME AND MIK, THE  
VILLAINS.

THE HEROES.

EVERYTHING.  
SPACE, TIME.

I NEVER THOUGHT I'D  
SAY THIS. NEVER  
DREAMED...

I AM SOOO GLAD I  
WENT INTO SPACE.

WHAT AN HONOR.

TO HAVE SEEN SO  
MUCH. TO TAKE THE  
NAME OF STARMAN  
SO FAR.

I GUESS I SEE  
IT NOW... NOW  
THIS ODYSSEY  
ENDS...

... HOW MUCH THE ROLE  
OF STARMAN MEANS  
TO ME. I HOPE I CAN  
BEAR THAT NAME  
FOREVER.

BE STARMAN  
FOREVER.

AND HOLD SADIE  
IN MY ARMS.

NOW ALL I FEAR  
IS OPAL CITY.

AFTER EVERYTHING  
I'VE SEEN, WILL SHE  
LOOK THE SAME?

I'M THINKING OF SKIN MAGS.  
NOW WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE  
GIRLS IN THEM, THEY LOOK  
BEAUTIFUL ... SEXY...

... BUT GO BACK AND LOOK AT  
THEM A FEW YEARS LATER. THEIR  
HAIR'S WRONG. BODY SHAPE,  
MAKEUP. THE PHOTOGRAPHY  
STYLE. HELL, EVEN THE GRAIN OF  
THE EMULSION LOOKS WRONG.

A FEW YEARS IS  
ALL IT TAKES.

I WONDER IF A FEW ZILLION  
MILES AWAY WILL WORK THE  
SAME FOR ME AND OPAL.

I WONDER.

NO... I'M WONDER-  
ING... WORRYING  
FOR NOTHING...





... MY LADY IS  
AS LOVELY  
AS EVER.

FINE A  
■■■



# Deadman Wade

"THIS IS WHAT  
AWESOME  
LOOKS LIKE".

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